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COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.*BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *May 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Wednesday, May 2, 1900, and to inclose list of vessels inspected and copies of certificates issued.

The temperature during the past fortnight has been unusually high and the rainfall slight, in consequence of which the supply of potable water has been reduced. Yet there has been no increase in malarial fevers, and no other troubles prevail. The general sanitary conditions of the port and vicinity continue satisfactory. One death—a female, native, cause, senility, has been reported to me during the week.

I have not yet had occasion to observe the enforcement of the measures to be adopted against vessels coming from Limon, nor have I had advices from that place since I received the report of yellow fever there. Communication with Colon continues uninterruptedly.

Respectfully,

HERMAN B. MOHR,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure]

*List of vessels inspected during the week ended Wednesday May 2, 1900.*BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *May 2, 1900.*

April 28, steamship *Simon Dumois*, Nieuwejaar; crew 14; no passengers; Mobile. April 29, steamship *Brookline*, List; crew, 34; passengers, 9; Baltimore; 8 pieces of baggage. May 1, steamship *Dudley*, Andersen; crew, 18; no passengers; Mobile. May 2, steamship *Colombia*, Berg; crew, 17; no passengers; Mobile; steamship *Kitty*, Maartensen; crew, 18; no passengers; Mobile.

HERMAN B. MOHR,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.**Precautions against yellow fever.*BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *April 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that Acting Asst. Surg. J. G. Thomas, United States Marine-Hospital Service, has advised me that on the 20th instant there occurred a death from yellow fever in Limon, Costa Rica. I communicated the fact to the sanitary officer of this port, and requested him to inform me should the local authorities take any steps to prevent the introduction of the disease into this place. As a result of my conversation with that official, the following circular letter has been directed, by the chief magistrate of the district, to all shipowners and agents of steamships:

[Translation—Circular No. 18.]

BOCAS DEL TORO, *April 28, 1900.*

SIR: For your information I transmit you herewith a copy of a communication received from the sanitary officer of this port under date of yesterday:

“SIR: I have the honor to advise you that Dr. Mohr, United States sanitary inspector, has received information from Limon that a death from yellow fever has occurred in that place. I would therefore suggest that you advise all owners of vessels, steamship agents, and the inspector of the port that no one shall board vessels coming from Limon until the sanitary officer has made an inspection and passed on the bill of health of such vessels.

“C. ALF. VAZ, *Sanitary Officer.*“Señor ALCALDE, *of the District.*”

In view of the above, and in order to prevent an epidemic which might invade us, you will hold for observation any vessel coming to you from that port until the provision suggested in the above communication has been complied with and the chief of the port has issued his orders.

Respectfully,

SERAFIN GOVANE,
Alcalde.

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Respectfully, HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, May 7, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended May 5, 1900, 20 deaths have occurred in this city, 3 from malaria, 1 from intestinal disease, and 2 from tuberculosis. Three deaths occurred in the civil hospital. Death rate for the week is 26.07. Health of port is good.

Eleven foreign vessels have entered this port and 9 vessels have received bills of health for other ports during the week. Twenty alien steerage passengers have been landed at this port.

Received the following cablegram from New Orleans, dated May 2, 1900: "Can you disinfect steamships sailing for New Orleans?" (Signed) McCutcheon, acting president State board. I answered this in the affirmative.

Inclosed find my report on the case of yellow fever reported at this office May 4 by Dr. Leia, city health officer.

At this port during the month of April there have been inspected 37 vessels, 1,098 members of crew, and 249 passengers. Twenty-one alien steerage passengers have been passed. Thirty-four bills of health have been issued to vessels to other ports.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 2 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week; no contagious diseases reported; health of port good. No foreign vessels inspected at that port during the week.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports 3 deaths during the week, no contagious diseases, health of port is good. Inspected 1 foreign vessel during the week.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

The supposed case of yellow fever.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, May 7, 1900.

SIR: The following is the history of the case of yellow fever reported May 4, 1900, by Dr. Leia, city health officer.

Name, N. Cullip; age, 19; born in United States. Arrived at Cienfuegos April 30, 1900, from Sancti Spiritus, at which place he had been employed since December 13, 1899, as teamster at post corral.

Cullip, while at Cienfuegos, lived with a teamster named Marlin at the quartermaster's corral. On the morning of the 2d instant, two days after his arrival here, he was taken sick and suffered with two chills.